

No.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Hornbeck Seed Co., Inc.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

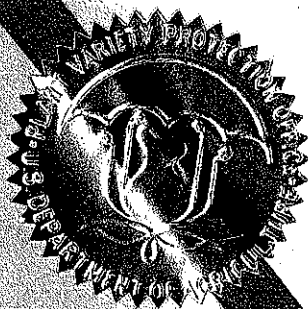
AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'HBK 5991'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this tenth day of June, in the year two thousand two.



Attest:

P. M. Zahner

Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Arthur C. Freeman

Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

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APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE
(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

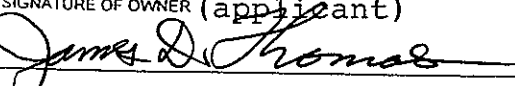
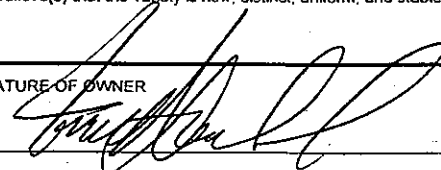
1. NAME OF OWNER Hornbeck Seed Co., Inc.		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NAME HBK X591-98	3. VARIETY NAME HBK 5991
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) P.O. Box 472 210 Drier Road DeWitt, Arkansas 72042		5. TELEPHONE (include area code) 870-946-2087	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 200000108 FILING DATE 12/29/99
6. IF THE OWNER NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) corporation		6. FAX (include area code) 870-946-3253	
7. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Arkansas		9. DATE OF INCORPORATION February 26, 1975	
10. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION. (First person listed will receive all papers) James Thomas Hornbeck Seed Company, Inc. P.O. Box 472 DeWitt, Arkansas 72042			FILING AND EXAMINATION FEES: \$ 2450.00 DATE 12/22/99 CERTIFICATION FEE: \$ 320.00 DATE 4/3/02
11. TELEPHONE (Include area code) 870-946-2087	12. FAX (Include area code) 870-946-3253	13. E_MAIL	14. CROP KIND (Common Name) Soybean
15. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME OF CROP Glycine max		16. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminosae	
17. IS THE VARIETY A FIRST GENERATION HYBRID? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
18. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instructions on reverse) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C. Objective Description of Variety d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety (Optional) e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Owner's Ownership f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voucher Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties, verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository) g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,450), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (Mail to the Plant Variety Protection Office)		19. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes", answer items 20 and 21 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If "no," go to item 22)	
		20. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
		21. IF "YES" TO ITEM 20, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? <input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED	
22. HAS THE VARIETY (INCLUDING ANY HARVESTED MATERIAL) OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THIS VARIETY BEEN SOLD, DISPOSED OF, TRANSFERRED, OR USED IN THE U. S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, YOU MUST PROVIDE THE DATE OF FIRST SALE, DISPOSITION, TRANSFER, OR USE FOR EACH COUNTRY AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES. (Please use space indicated on reverse.)		23. IS THE VARIETY OR ANY COMPONENT OF THE VARIETY PROTECTED BY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT (PLANT BREEDER'S RIGHT OR PATENT)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, PLEASE GIVE COUNTRY, DATE OF FILING OR ISSUANCE AND ASSIGNED REFERENCE NUMBER. (Please use space indicated on reverse.)	
24. The owners declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate. The undersigned owner(s) is(are) the owner of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 42, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Owner(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.			
SIGNATURE OF OWNER (applicant) 		SIGNATURE OF OWNER 	
NAME (Please print or type) James D. Thomas		NAME (Please print or type) Jon Hornbeck	
CAPACITY OR TITLE Soybean Breeder	DATE 1/5/2000	CAPACITY OR TITLE CFO	DATE 1/5/2000

EXHIBIT A**HORNBECK SEED COMPANY, INC. APPLICATION FOR HBK 5991****ORIGIN AND BREEDING HISTORY**

Summer	1989	Original cross was made: A6297 x NK S59-95
Summer	1990	F1 plants were advanced to F2 seed.
Winter	1990-91	F2 and F3 advanced by modified single seed descent
Summer	1991	F4 single plants were harvested
Winter	1991-92	F4 single plant progeny were screened with race 3 cyst nematode(Heterodera glycines).
Summer	1992	F4/F5 progeny rows screened in the field. One row, #25350 was selected, harvested in bulk, and designated as 6720.
Summer	1993	6720 was yield tested in trials at locations throughout the midsouth and southeastern United States. During this period it was determined to be stable and unique and breeding true for characteristics described in Exhibit "C" of this application.
Summers	1994/96	6720 was further evaluated in advanced trials throughout the southern United States. Seed increases initiated.
Summer	1997	Continued in wide scale test across the south as HBK X9767. Breeder seed increase continued.
Winter	1997-98	Breeders Seed increase initiated in winter production- Argentina, SA
Summer	1998	Entered into wide scale University test as HBK X591-98. Seed increased to 1601 units.
Spring	1999	Released as HBK 5991 and planted large acreage for 2000 sales
Summer	1999	Production from Breeders seed continued for 2000 sales and wide scale University and Company tests continue across the southern United States.

EXHIBIT B**HORNBECK SEED COMPANY, INC. APPLICATION FOR HBK 5991****NOVELTY STATEMENT**

To our knowledge, HBK 5991 most resembles A6297 and NK S59-95. Differences include but are not restricted to the following:

HBK 5991 Compared to A6297

- 1) HBK 5991 has tawny pubescence whereas A6297 has grey.
- 2) HBK 5991 is resistant to stem canker whereas A6297 is susceptible.
- 3) A6297 is 25 cm taller
- 4) A6297 has smaller seed; 13 gms/100 as compared to 14 gms/100 for HBK 5991.

HBK 5991 Compared to NK S59-95

- 1) HBK 5991 has white flowers whereas NK S59-95 has purple.
- 2) HBK 5991 is susceptible to Southern Root Knot Nematode where as NK S59-95 is resistant.
- 3) HBK 5991 is susceptible to Peanut Nematode where as NK S59-95 is resistant.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN & SEED DIVISION
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Hornbeck Seed Co., Inc.	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION HBK X591-98	VARIETY NAME HBK 5991
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) P.O. Box 472 210 Drier Road DeWitt, Arkansas 72042		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 2000001087

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)
3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)
4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

3 = Brown

4 = Black

5 = Other (Specify) _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff

2 = Yellow

3 = Brown

4 = Gray

5 = Imperfect Black

6 = Black

7 = Other (Specify) _____

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low

2 = High

0 = not tested

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1^a)

2 = Type B (SP1^b)

0 = not tested

★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis')

2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')

3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')

4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate

2 = Oval

3 = Ovate

4 = Other (Specify) _____

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

☐ 21 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

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12. LEAF COLOR:

☐ 21 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

★ 13. FLOWER COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

★ 14. POD COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

☐ 21 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

★ 17. PLANT HABIT:

☐ 1

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ 18. MATURITY GROUP:

☐ 0 ☐ 81 = 000
9 = VI2 = 00
10 = VII3 = 0
11 = VIII4 = I
12 = IX5 = II
13 = X

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) 3=moderate

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

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☐ 2Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)

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☐ 0Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)

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☐ 2Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

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☐ 2Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*) under field conditions in 1999Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)

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☐

Race 1

☐

Race 2

☐

Race 3

☐

Race 4

☐

Race 5

☐ 3

Other (Specify)

☐ 0Target Spot (*Corynespora cassicola*)

Races common to Ark.

☐ 0Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)☐ 0Powdery Mildew (*Microspheera diffusa*)

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☐ 0Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)☐ 2Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued) 3=moderate resistant

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FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ★ ☐ 1 Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *sojae*)
☐ 1 Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
☐ 1 Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)

Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)

- ★ ☐ 0 Race 1 ☐ 0 Race 2 ☐ 1 Race 3 ☐ 0 Race 4 ☐ 0 Race 5 ☐ 0 Race 6 ☐ 0 Race 7
☐ 0 Race 8 ☐ 0 Race 9 ☐ 0 Other (Specify) _____

VIRAL DISEASES:

- ☐ 0 Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
☐ 0 Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
★ ☐ 0 Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
☐ 0 Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
★ ☐ 0 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
★ ☐ 0 Race 1 ☐ 0 Race 2 ☐ 2 Race 3 ☐ 0 Race 4 ☐ 3 Other (Specify) _____
☐ 0 Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)
★ ☐ 1 Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
★ ☐ 1 Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
☐ 1 Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
☐ 1 Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
☐ 0 OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify): _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ★ ☐ 0 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
☐ 0 Other (Specify) _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ☐ 0 Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis*)
☐ 0 Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
☐ 0 Other (Specify) _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	A 6297	Seed Coat Luster	A6297
Leaf Shape	A 6297	Seed Size	NK S59-95
Leaf Color	A6297	Seed Shape	NK S59-95
Leaf Size	A 6297	Seedling Pigmentation	A 6297

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
HBK 5991 Submitted	133	1.0	75	7.6	13.5	36.1	20.4	14	
A 6297 Name of Similar Variety	137	2.0	90	7.6	13.8	37.2	19.2	13	

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

1. Caldwell, B.E., ed. 1973. Soybeans: Improvement, Production, and Uses. Amer. Soc. Agron. Monograph No. 16.
2. Buttery, B.R. and R.I. Buzzell. 1968. Peroxidase activity in seeds of soybean varieties. Crop Sci., 8: 722-725.
3. Hymowitz, T. 1973. Electrophoretic analysis of SBTI-A₂ in the USDA soybean germplasm collection. Crop Sci., 13: 420-421.
4. Payne, R.C. and L.F. Morris. 1976. Differentiation of soybean cultivars by seedling pigmentation patterns. J. Seed Technol. 1: 1-19.

EXHIBIT D

HORNBECK SEED COMPANY, INC. APPLICATION FOR HBK 5991

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY

HBK 5991 is an F₄ selection composited in the F₅ generation from the cross A6297 x NK S59-95. Plants are medium height with white flowers, tawny pubescence and tan pods. Seeds are dull, yellow with light to dark black hila averaging about 3200 seed per pound. HBK 5991 is resistant to stem canker, sudden death syndrome and race 3 of soybean cyst nematode. HBK 5991 is moderate resistant to race 14 of SCN and susceptible to Phytophthora root rot as far as we know but shows strong evidence of being highly field tolerant to PRR. It is susceptible to frogeye leaf spot with a field rating of 5 out of a scale of 1-10. HBK 5991 has good standability and yields extremely well across many different soil types.

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EXHIBIT E
STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP

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4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP, and Country) P.O. Box 472 210 Drier Road DeWitt, Arkansas 72042	5. TELEPHONE (include area code) 870-946-2087	6. FAX (include area code) 870-946-3253
7. PVPO NUMBER Application NO. 200000108, Soybean, 'HBK 5991'		

8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in appropriate block. If no, please explain. ☒ YES ☐ NO9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or U.S. based company? ☒ YES ☐ NO
If no, give name of country10. Is the applicant the original owner? ☐ YES ☒ NO If no, please answer one of the following:

a. If original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. national(s)?

☐ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country

b. If original rights to variety were owned by a company(ies), is(are) the original owner(s) a U.S. based company?

☒ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country

11. Additional explanation on ownership (if needed, use reverse for extra space):

Original owner or breeder worked for a U.S. based company and developed the variety in the U.S. Through purchase of the variety Hornbeck Seed Co., is eligible to PVP the variety since it is U.S. based.

PLEASE NOTE:

Plant variety protection can be afforded only to owners (not licensees) who meet one of the following criteria:

1. If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a U.S. national, national of a UPOV member country, or national of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
2. If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner and the applicant must meet one of the above criteria.

The original breeder/owner may be the individual or company who directed final breeding. See Section 41(a)(2) of the Plant Variety Protection Act for definition.

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